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1. During the evening hours of 6 October 1952, all barracks installations in the Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) post were lighted. During the period from 27 September to 6 October, 83 factory new trucks arrived at the post; 61 were moved into the Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppiner Allee and 22 to the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse. In turn, 88 old trucks were dispatched from the post, most of them from the Fridericus Kaserne. Trucks each towing 25X1
a 120-mm mortar left the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknecht Strasse on 28 September. In the evening of 30 September, 43 trucks moved out of the Fridericus Kaserne.

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A second column which followed at about 9:30 p.m., consisted of 22 trucks and 12 x 37-mm AA guns, and a third column of 6 BA-64 armored scout cars and 46 motorcycles with sideracks. All columns went toward Fehrbellin. At 6:15 p.m. on 2 October, trucks each towing a 57-mm AT gun left Neuruppin toward Dierberg (N 54/U 50). Part of the Gransee-Rheinsberg road was still blocked 25X1
on 3 October because of field exercises.¹

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2. At 12:30 p.m. on 23 September, several units marched out from the barracks installations toward Altruppin. They included five groups from the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse, with three of the groups consisting of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and two of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Four groups marched out from the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknecht Strasse, with two of the groups consisting of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, one of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and of one of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Each group marched in the following order: unit commander, folded flag with 2 color guards carrying submachine guns; 6 officers forming the first rank, 6 master sergeants forming the second rank, and 14 to 16 x 6-man ranks, with the right and left file of the ranks formed by soldiers from the enlisted ranks and NCOs carrying submachine guns. The other soldiers carried rifles. Officers wore white gloves, visor caps and carried sabers and the master sergeants wore visor caps and carried submachine guns. The troops returned from the direction of Altruppin after 6 p.m., headed by a 35 piece military band. The troops were organized into seven groups and were in the

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same formation as was seen at noon. Six of the groups carried flags and were marching to the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. The other group had no flag. It entered the girls' school on Puschkin Strasse. Residents stated that still another group came from the direction of Altruppin and marched through the town a short time later.²

3. At 1 p.m. on 10 September, eight soldiers practiced with gas masks and anti-gas paulins in the AAA emplacement on Scholten Strasse where 3 x 37-mm AA guns were emplaced. The gas masks were of a light gray color and they covered the entire head and was provided with a grooved tube, about 60 cm long, which led to a linen bag of a dark-green color, which was worn at the left hip.³

- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. It is believed that units of the 12th Gds Tank Div held field exercises near the post north and south of Neuruppin at the end of September and the beginning of October 1952. Exercises which, presumably, were also conducted by the division with elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div in the area of Rhinsberg-Mirow from 23 until 26 September 1952. [] 25X1A
- 25X1A [] It is possible that the division participated in the maneuvers by process of rotation until the beginning of October. It is assumed, however, that all elements of the division were back at the post by 6 October. The units departing from the Fridericus Kaserne on 30 September probably included also the 87th (?) Rcn Bn carried in this installation.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The statements [] on the nine groups leaving the barracks installations equipped with flags are not given credence. As only regiments and independent battalions of the Soviet Army have flags. According to available records, four such units are believed stationed in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and two in the See Kaserne. The figures given [] are 25X1
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. Presumably, the standard gas mask of type BN or EV.

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